

*** THE PROFESSIONAL MARINE COMMUNICATOR ***
EDITOR, DAVID J. RING, JR.

DEDICATED TO ALL OUR BROTHERS WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO
MARINE COMMUNICATIONS

THIS IS A SPECIAL ISSUE MADE UP OF THE BIG STORIES THAT PROCOMM HAS BEEN FOLLOWING. WE HOPE YOU LIKE THIS ISSUE AND THAT YOU WILL SUBSCRIBE TO PROCOMM IN THE FUTURE.

*** CHATHAM RADIO UP FOR SALE? --- ACCORDING TO INSIDE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY ONE OF PROCOMM'S RCA GLOBCOM SOURCES, NYNEX COMMUNICATIONS HAS SUCCESSFULLY BID ON RCA GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS. DONALD R. STACKHOUSE, VICE PRESIDENT OF RCA INTERNATIONAL DENIED THAT ANY SUCH SALE WAS PENDING. OFFICIALS AT NYNEX AND ITS NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE SUBSIDY HAVE ALSO DENIED ANY DEALS FOR RCA GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS.

*** 35TH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS (ITF) VOTE IN LUXEMBOURG APPROVE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ALL SHIPS OF 1600 GRT AND SAILING ON INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES TO CARRY 500 KHZ RADIOTELEGRAPH STATIONS AND RADIO OFFICERS. THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED 80-3 WITH MEBA DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT AND N-MEBA V.P. RAYMOND T. MCKAY, WHOSE MEBA-DISTRICT 2 UNION REPRESENTS RADIO OFFICERS, BEING ONE OF THE THREE VOTING AGAINST THE RESOLUTION. ITF SAYS THAT SUBSTITUTION OF "EQUIVALENTS" LIKE SATCOM IN PLACE OF 500 KHZ AND RADIO OFFICERS WILL NOT ENSURE THE SAFETY OF SEAFARERS. THE RESOLUTION ALSO NOTED THAT EVEN THOUGH ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION A420 (XI) OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) CALLS FOR EXTENSIVE EVALUATION AND PRACTICAL TESTING TO PROVE THAT THE FGMSS SYSTEM IS MORE RELIABLE THAN THE PRESENT SYSTEM, AND RETENTION OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE FGMSS HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE SUPERIOR TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM, VARIOUS COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN SUBSTITUTING "SATCOMM" FOR THE MAIN 500 KHZ TRANSMITTER. THE RESOLUTION FURTHER NOTES THAT NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO PROVE THE FGMSS OR ITS SUBSYSTEMS. AS FOR SUBSTITUTIONS, THE RESOLUTION REMINDS US THAT WITHOUT A RADIO OFFICER ONBOARD, WE CANNOT COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THAT SHIP, NOR CAN THAT SHIP COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH OTHER SHIPS USING LONG RANGE 500 KHZ TELEGRAPHY. THEY ALSO NOTE THAT INMARSAT SATCOMM IS FREQUENTLY PUT OUT OF SERVICE BY UNIDENTIFIED INTERFERENCE ON THE CALL REQUEST CHANNEL (WHICH WITHOUT ACQUIRING A SHIP IS UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE REGARDLESS OF THE POSITION OF THE PRIORITY INDICATOR (E.G. SOS, XXX, TTT) ON THE SATCOMM), SATELLITE OUTAGES, OR SIGNIFICANT DELAY IN CHANGING OVER TO RESERVE SATELLITES. WHEN INMARSAT'S SATELLITE WON'T RESPOND TO A CALL ON ITS REQUEST CHANNEL, OR THE SATELLITE IS OTHERWISE DOWN, THE ENTIRE OCEAN AREA IS LEFT WITHOUT COVERAGE.

*** U.S. MERCHANT FLEET AUTHORIZED TO USE U.S. AIR FORCE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND U.S. NAVY HICOM VOICE CIRCUITS IN TIMES OF DISTRESS, THREAT OF PIRACY, HOSTILE ACTION BY A FOREIGN NATION, COLLISION, FIRE/EXPLOSION, NATURAL DISASTER, OR TERRORIST ATTACK. FACILITIES ARE LOCATED IN PANAMA, GUAM, JAPAN, HAWAII, ALASKA, CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, GREENLAND, UNITED KINGDOM, AZORES, ASCENSION ISLAND, AND TURKEY AS WELL AS NAVAL VESSELS WORLDWIDE. RADIO OFFICERS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THEIR SHIPPING COMPANIES FOR THE LIST OF FREQUENCIES. THESE ARE NOT PUBLISHED HERE AS THIS NEWSLETTER IS SENT OVERSEAS TO NON-U.S.A. RADIO OFFICERS/COAST STATIONS.

*** U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (MARAD) AND THE U.S. NAVY ANNOUNCE RADIO OFFICERS READINESS TRAINING COURSE (NAVY COMMUNICATIONS/CRYPTO) AVAILABLE IN 1987 TO U.S. RADIO OFFICERS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. R/O'S NEED THE FOLLOWING: FCC 1ST OR 2ND TELEGRAPH LICENSE, 6 MOS., Z CARD, VALID COAST GUARD LICENSE, AND DOCUMENTATION OF 30 DAYS EMPLOYMENT AS A RO WITHIN THE LAST TWELVE

MONTHS. UNCLE SAM PAYS FOR ROUND TRIP TRANSPORTATION, TUITION, ROOM AND BOARD. INQUIRIES TO UNIONS OR COMPANY.

*** RCA GLOBCOM WILL NEITHER ORIGINATE NOR DELIVER MARINE TELEGRAMS RECEIVED OVER THE TELEPHONE. REGULAR USERS OF TELEX SERVICE WILL NOT BE EFFECTED. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO AN RCA COAST STATION OFFICIAL, SERIOUS PROBLEMS COULD RESULT FROM THE LACK OF FACILITIES FOR DELIVERING URGENT MARINE TELEGRAMS VIA TELEPHONE ROUTING. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, IT IS COMMON PRACTICE FOR SHIP OWNERS AND AGENTS TO LEAVE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBERS FOR 24-HOUR DELIVERY OF URGENT TRAFFIC WHICH IS ALSO SENT TO THE UNATTENDED TELEX MACHINE IN THE OFFICE.

*** SEAFARERS MARITIME UNION, AFL-CIO --- ACCORDING TO A CONFIDENTIAL TELEX SENT ON JANUARY 6, 1987, RED CAMPBELL OF THE SIU HAS CONTACTED ALL PORT REPRS TO "CONTACT THE CREWS OF ALL U.S. FLAG VESSELS AND TUGS IN YOUR AREA THAT DO NOT HAVE CONTRACTS WITH AFL-CIO UNIONS. PLEDGE CARDS WILL BE PROVIDED AS REQUESTED." ACCORDING TO THE LABOR ORGANIZATION INFORMATION REPORT (FORM LM-1) FILED WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ON 28 NOVEMBER 1986, THE "SEAFARERS MARITIME UNION" (SMU), A NATIONAL UNION WITH OFFICES IN CAMP SPRINGS, MD AND AFFILIATED WITH THE SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, AGLIWD HAS THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS: FRANK DROZAK, CO-CHAIRMAN, RAYMOND MCKAY, CO-CHAIRMAN, ANGUS CAMPBELL, VICE CHAIRMAN, AND JERRY JOSEPH, VICE CHAIRMAN. THE SMU ACCORDING TO THEIR 1986 AGREEMENT, IS THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALL U N L I C E N S E D DECK, ENGINE, STEWARD, AND RADIO DEPARTMENTS EMPLOYED ON THEIR VESSELS. WAGES ARE FOR EIGHT HOUR DAY, OVERTIME BEING PAID IN INCREMENTS OF HALF-HOURS AFTER THE FIRST. (SUPPER RELIEF IS PAID FOR THE HALF HOUR.) NO WEEKEND OR HOLIDAY OVERTIME, BUT A FULL OR PRORATED DAY'S PAY FOR SUCH DAYS. JOINING AND LEAVING DAYS MAY BE PRORATED FOR THE PERIOD THAT AN EMPLOYEE ACTUALLY WORKS. ALL EMPLOYEES SHALL BE ORDERED FROM THE UNION'S MANPOWER OFFICE AT PINEY POINT, MD. EMPLOYEES ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT ON VESSELS WILL BE EXPECTED TO SERVE ON THOSE VESSELS FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS UNLESS TERMINATED BY THE COMPANY. EMPLOYEES ARE TO BE CREDITED WITH A TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE OF \$4.00 A DAY. EITHER AN ELECTRONIC TECH, OR A RADIO OPERATOR (SIC) SHALL BE CARRIED. MONTHLY BASE: \$2,489.54 (ET), AND \$2,111.78 FOR RADIO OPERATOR. HOURLY O.T.: \$14.36 (ET) AND \$12.18. LISTED IN ADDENDUM "A" ARE WAGES FOR ET, R/O, BOSUN, AB, OS, QMED, GU D/E, STWD BKR, CH COOK, AND STWD ASST. (A TOTAL OF 14 CREWMEMBERS). THE FIRST SHIP TO SAIL UNDER THE SMU BANNER WAS THE AMERICAN CONDOR (PACIFIC GULF MARINE) WHICH SAILED ON DECEMBER 18, 1986. ACCORDING TO A TELEX FROM RED CAMPBELL DATED 18 DECEMBER 1986, "FIVE MORE SHIPS WILL BE CREWED BY THE SMU IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS, ONE TANKER, ANOTHER RO-RO AND THREE CONTAINER-SHIPS. THE CREWS ON THESE SHIPS WILL BE GENERAL PURPOSE CREWS, WHICH MEANS NO JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES. ALL ORIGINAL CREWS WILL HAVE PERMANENT JOBS. THE TOUR OF DUTY IS 6 MONTHS ON AND THREE MONTHS OFF. THIS MAY BE CHANGED ON A VOYAGE BASIS AT A LATER DATE. ON THE DRY CARGO VESSELS THERE WILL BE ONLY THREE WATCH STANDERS, 3 AB'S. EVERYONE ELSE WILL BE DAY WORKERS... VACATION WILL BE 10 FOR 30... THE NEW UNION WILL HANDLE ANY NEW MILITARY CONTRACTS AND ANY NEW COMPANIES SMU ORGANIZES. THE THREE CONTAINERSHIPS WERE BUILT FOR DELTA LINES IN 1984 BEFORE THEY FOLDED UP. THEY WERE TAKEN OVER BY U.S. LINES. NOW THEY WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY AN SMU OPERATOR. WE EXPECT TO CREW THEM AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR." AB'S GET \$40.21 A DAY, O.T. IS \$6.96. PACIFIC GULF MARINE (PGM) ORIGINALLY HAD THE AMERICAN CONDOR UNDER SIU AND MEGA D-2 CONTRACT. 1985, PGM PLACED ON ITS SHIPS REPRESENTATIVES OF A "MARAD SPONSORED" SHIP MANAGEMENT CONSULTING FIRM WHOSE PURPOSE WAS TO SEE IF "ALL PURPOSE CREWS" COULD WORK ON THIS SHIP. (I WAS TOLD BY ONE OF THE CONSULTANTS AS SOON AS HE ENTERED THE RADIO ROOM ON PGM'S SHIP THE "MV AMERICAN EAGLE": "I REALLY FEEL SORRY FOR YOU BECAUSE OF ALL THE PEOPLE ONBOARD, YOU WILL BE THE ONLY ONE WHO WILL NOT HAVE A JOB LEFT. IT'S SAD BECAUSE YOU OBVIOUSLY KNOW YOUR JOB VERY WELL." IN OTHER WORDS, PART OF THE INTENT OF THE "SURVEY" WAS A FORGONE CONCLUSION: ELIMINATE THE RADIO ELECTRONICS OFFICER. - ED.) IN JUNE PROCOMM UNDERSTANDS THAT SIU AND NMU WERE TALKING ABOUT MERGER. ACCORDING TO

AFL-CIO SOURCES, AFL-CIO PRESIDENT LANE KIRKLAND APPROVED OF SIU PRESIDENT FRANK DROZAK'S PLAN FOR UNITING THE VARIOUS MARITIME UNIONS AND ON GOING TALKS BETWEEN THE SIU AND NMU WERE SCHEDULED FOR THE FUTURE. ACCORDING TO AN INDUSTRY SOURCE, FRANK DROZAK AND JERRY JOSEPHS CAME ABOARD THE "MV AMERICAN CONDOR" IN CHARLESTON, S.C. AND LAID OUT THE "NEW DEAL" PERSONALLY. THERE REPORTEDLY WAS MUCH DISAGREEMENT AND SEVERAL OFFICERS WERE TOLD THAT THEY EITHER COOPERATE, OR THEY WOULD BE TERMINATED AND RELIEVED IMMEDIATELY... "PLAY BALL OR ELSE", AS THE SOURCE REPORTED. INSIDE SOURCES SAY THAT THEY FEEL THAT D-2 AND THE SIU ARE REALLY TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE MARINE INDUSTRY, AND UNION OFFICIALS LAMENT THAT THE SMU IS LOWERING THE STANDARDS OF MARINE EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL CREWMEMBERS INSTEAD OF TRYING TO IMPROVE THE SEAFARERS LOT.

*** THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES STILL USE MORSE CODE. PROCOMM'S SOURCE REPORTS THAT CANADIAN NAVAL SHIPS SOUND GOOD CALLING CANADIAN ARMED FORCES STATION AT MILL COVE, NS, CFH, AT AROUND 15 WPM. OUR SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE CALL SIGNS OF ALL CANADIAN WARSHIPS, INCLUDING THE AUXILLIARY VESSELS START WITH CG, CY, OR CZ. ACCORDING TO PROCOMM'S SOURCES, THE CANADIAN DESTROYERS CAN NO LONGER TRANSMIT ON 500 KHZ. THE HMCS IROQUOIS ASSISTED A KOREAN CREW IN A LUMBER SHIP WHOSE CARGO HAD SHIFTED SOUTH OF NEWFOUNDLAND. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE "IROQUOIS" DID THIS ON 2182 KHZ AND VHF CHANNEL 16 AND HAD A SERIOUS LANGUAGE PROBLEM UNTIL ANOTHER SHIP WITH A KOREAN CREW MANAGED TO TRANSLATE. THE VESSEL IN TROUBLE, HE GOES ON, HAD A GOOD MORSE OPERATOR.

*** JERRY JOSEPHS, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEBA DISTRICT 2 AND CO-CHAIRMAN OF SEAFARERS MARITIME UNION (SMU) TOLD THE EDITOR OF PROCOM IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW FEB 25, 1987 THAT THE SMU WAS CREATED TO KEEP THE AMERICAN FLAG MERCHANT FLEET ALIVE. JOSEPHS SAID THAT PRESENT PLANS WERE FOR KEEPING D2 WHOLE AND SIU WHOLE. (HOWEVER, PROCOMM NOTES THAT THE FIRST SHIP TO BE PLACED UNDER THE SMU BANNER, THE "MV AMERICAN CONDOR", WAS PREVIOUSLY UNDER D2 AND SIU CONTRACT). WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE SMU'S RE-RATING OF THE RADIO OFFICER, JOSEPH SAID THAT THE CHANGE FROM RADIO OFFICER TO RADIO OPERATOR WAS ONLY A CHANGE TO COMPLY WITH NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD (NLRB) RULINGS IN REGARD TO THE RADIO OPERATOR (SIC) BEING NON-SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL, AND THAT OTHERWISE NO ACTUAL CHANGE WOULD BE MADE AS FAR AS RADIO OFFICER IS CONCERNED. MR. JOSEPHS ADDED THAT D-2 FAVORS DUAL LICENSES, E.G. 3RD MATES AND 3RD ASSISTANTS AS RADIO OFFICERS AND NO FCC JURDICTION OVER EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS AND MANNING. THEY WANT THE COMPANIES TO DETERMINE WHAT IS OR ISNT NEEDED. JOSEPHS SAID THAT SMU WILL NOT AFFECT THE MAJORITY OF D2 AND SIU JOBS, BUT THE UNIONS WILL REMAIN WHOLE. D2 WANTS TO RETAIN R/O AND E/T. WHEN ASKED ABOUT RAY MCKAY'S COMMENT IN THE JORNAL OF COMMERCE HE SAID, THAT 20 YEARS AGO THE RADIO OFFICER WAS A PRIMA DONNA, AND THAT NOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED, OUR (D-2'S) RADIO OFFICERS ARE WILLING TO GET IN THERE WITH THE BEST OF THEM. PROCOMM REMEMBERS THAT MEBA DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTED RADIO OFFICERS ONBOARD THE SS OCEANIC INDEPENDANCE AND SS OCEANIC CONSTITUTION, WHICH CRUISE BETWEEN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, USED TO HAVE TWO RADIO OFFICERS ON EACH SHIP UNTIL THE COMPANY, AMERICAN HAWAIIAN CRUISES, OBTAINED A WAIVER FROM THE HONOLULU FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE FOR EXEMPTION FROM CARRYING RADIO OFFICERS. MR. JOSEPHS INSISTS THAT D2 WILL REPLACE THE RADIO OFFICER WITH ELECTRONIC TECHNICIANS SHOULD THE REQUIREMENT FOR CARRYING RADIO OFFICERS BE DELETED, HOWEVER THEIR RECORD DOES NOT CONFIRM THIS.

*** ROGERS CITY RADIO/WLC ADDS SITOR TO THEIR OTHER SERVICES. WLC ADDS THE FOLLOWING FREQS: 2070.5 SHIP, 2137.5 WLC, 4172.0 SHIP, 4351.5 WLC. THEIR SELCALL IS '1106'. FURTHER INFO WILL FOLLOW.

*** SUN OIL - ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN THE FEBRUARY 2, 1987 ISSUE OF PROFESSIONAL MARINERS ALLIANCE'S NEWSLETTER "SOUNDINGS", SUN MARINE LICENSED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (SMLOA), WHICH HAS BEEN REPRESENTING LICENSED OFFICERS ONBOARD SUN OIL'S TANKERS SINCE 1938, WAS TOLD IN A LETTER 30 DECEMBER 1986 FROM HUGH L. SIMMONS, SUN'S MANAGER OF HUMAN RESOURCES, THAT SUN WAS EXERCISING IT'S LEGAL RIGHT NOT TO NEGOTIATE WITH SMLOA OVER SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL, SPECIFICALLY

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1ST, 2ND, 3RD ENGINEERS, 1ST, 2ND, 3RD MATES. THESE OFFICERS, WROTE MR. SIMMONS, "WILL THEN BECOME INTEGRATED MEMBERS OF OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM."

THE COMPANY, HE ADDED, WILL MEET WITH SMLOA "AT SOME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE" TO NEGOTIATE A NEW CONTRACT FOR RADIO OFFICERS AND RADIO ELECTRONIC OFFICERS. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE WITHIN SMLOA, THE ASSOCIATION AGREED TO CONCESSIONS ON NOVEMBER 5, 1985 WHICH CUT BASE WAGES BY 7.8%, REDUCED VACATION 20% TO 24 DAYS FOR EVERY 30 WORKED, INTRODUCED LONGER TOURS AT SEA, AND LOWERED PORT LOADING PAY. OVER ALL, HE SAID, THE PACKAGE RESULTED IN PAY CUTS EXCEEDING 30%.

*** SPEAKING OF MONEY, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN THE PROFESSIONAL MARINER (VOL 1., NO.2), COMPENSATION (INCLUDING SALARY, EXPENSES, AND ALLOWANCES) FOR SOME TOP UNION OFFICIALS IN 1985 WERE: C.E. DEFRIES, MEB1 PRESIDENT (INCLUDING SOME PAY FROM HIS NMEBA PRESIDENT'S POST), \$266,096, F. DROZAK, SIU PRESIDENT, \$251,236, R.T. MCKAY, MEB2 PRESIDENT, \$205,518, W. STEINBERG, ARA PRESIDENT, IOMMP VP, \$140,521, J.P. VALLIS, PORT AGENT ARA, \$126,396, F. HEPTING, PORT AGENT ARA, \$108,295.

*** VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION (VWOA)'S PRESIDENT, J. MICHAEL SHAW SUMS IT UP NICELY WHEN HE WAS TOLD THAT THE SOVIET UNION PLANS ON KEEPING THE 500 KHZ RADIOTELEGRAPHY SAFETY SYSTEM: "THE RUSSIANS AREN'T STUPID, THEY SEE THE ADVANTAGE OF RETAINING A GOOD LOW-TECH SYSTEM. WHY CAN'T WE?" THE SOVIET UNION CURRENTLY HAS 25,000 TRAINED MORSE OPERATORS (MILITARY AND MERCHANT).

*** THE AMERICAN RADIO ASSOCIATION (ARA-MMP), USING A BLIND P.O. BOX IN MARYLAND, IS ADVERTISING FOR RADIO OFFICERS IN "QST" FOR FEBRUARY 1987. AN ARA OFFICIAL AFFIRMED THE AD WAS FROM ARA, BUT DECLINED FURTHER COMMENT.

*** ARA'S TIME-MITAGS DIRECTOR, RAE A. ECHOLS, HAS REPORTEDLY RESIGNED. ATTEMPTS TO REACH MR. ECHOLS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL, BUT ARA SOURCES SAY HE WILL BE SAILING SOON. NO OFFICIAL RELEASE CONCERNING HIS LEAVING HAS BEEN ISSUED.

*** RCA BUDGET ON HOLD. ACCORDING TO MR. DONALD STACKHOUSE, HEAD OF THE MARINE DIVISION OF RCA GLOBCOM IN NEW JERSEY, RCA'S BUDGET FOR COAST STATIONS HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD FOR THE TIME BEING WHILE GENERAL ELECTRIC GETS THE FEEL OF THINGS. MR. STACKHOUSE SAID THAT THE THRANE AND THRANE SYSTEM ORDERED BY CHATHAM RADIO/WCC IS, FOR THE TIME BEING, JUST ON THE WISH LIST. MR. STACKHOUSE ALSO LAMENTED THE FACT THAT RCA DID NOT VIEW COAST STATIONS AS STAND ALONE ECONOMIC ENTITIES, AND THE FACT THAT SITOR RESULTED IN LESS REVENUE THAN MORSE TRAFFIC.

*** MOBILE RADIO/WLO HAS STARTED UP ITS NEW THRANE AND THRANE AUTO TELEX FACILITIES. THIS SYSTEM IS MANUFACTURED IN DENMARK. WLO'S SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY OPERATING ON ITU CH 410, 812, 810 1229 AND 1615. THEY REQUEST RADIO OFFICERS WITH EXPERIENCE WITH THE SYSTEM (GKA, DXZ, PCH AND 9VG TYPE) TO CALL IN FOR TEST. THEY HAVE SET UP TEST TERMINALS TLX NR 131, 132 AND 134 FOR TEST. E.G. DIRT LX131+ (+ IS UPPERCASE "Z"). THE ENDING FOR WLO'S AUTOTELEX IS "KKKK". THERE ARE 3 FT69 TELEX CODES FOR THE USA - 0230 FOR WUD (WESTERN UNION), 023 FOR ITT, WUI, RCA, GRA, FTC, TRT AND 0255 FOR TWX NUMBERS. R/O'S ARE ADVISED IF THEY DO NOT KNOW IF THE NUMBER IS WUD, THEY SHOULD TRY 0230 PREFIX FIRST AS THE WESTERN UNION LINE DOES NOT CROSSOVER.

HERE'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE ON YOUR PRINTER...

WLO RTTY 810 (WRU)
10899 WABC X
GA+?
DIRTLX023441718+
WLO RADIO MOBILE
GA023441718+
ITT 9/31/86 2335
441718 SHIPCORP UI +?

WLO PRINTS HIS AAB AND REQUESTS YOURS.
SHIPS AAB
WLO PROMPTS GA
SHIP REQUESTS DIRECT TLX CONNECTION TO TLX 441718
MOBILE AAB
WLO DIALS
IRC PILOT LINE
SUBSCRIBERS AAB

MSG+?

WLO PROMPTS SEND MSG

(SHIP SENDS MSG)

(WRU) SHIP REQUESTS SHORE TERMINAL'S AAB
441718SHIPCORP UI +? SUBSCRIBER'S AAB
10898 WABC X SHIP SENDS AAB
K K K K SHIP TERMINATES LAND LINE CONNECTION

THEN WLO WILL PRINT OUT THE TIME OF TELEX, DURATION, AND SUBSCRIBER CALLED. THEN IT WILL PROMPT "GA+?" AND IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QOT TO SEND, YOU SEND TLX FOLLOWED BY THE TLX NUMBER OR DIRT LX FOLLOWED BY THE TELEX NUMBER FOR DIRECT CONNECTION. IF YOU QRU SEND BRK+ AND WLO WILL CUT OFF THE SITOR LINK. IF THE MSG PROMPT OCCURES BEFORE THE SUBSCRIBERS ANSWERBACK IS PRINTED, REVERT THE LINK TO RECEIVE AND WAIT FOR SERVICE INFO, LIKE OCC, DER, NP, NC ETC, OR FOR THE AAB.

***TUCKERTON RADIO/WSC (NEW JERSEY) IS PLANNING NEW RECEIVE SITE, AND SITOR. SUPER-OP W.J. KANE OF WSC, WAS HALF OF A TWO-WAY THAT DISPROVED COMSAT'S CLAIM FOR 300 MILE MAXIMUM DX ON 500... HE RECEIVED TRAFFIC FROM A SHIP OFF ECUADOR THAT GAVE ONE QUICK CALL ON 500. SOME WATCHKEEPING!

*** MANAHAWKEN (OCEAN GATE) NJ RADIO/WOO TO ADD EXPERIMENTAL FEC MODE SITOR TO SEND SHORE TO SHIP SERVICE MESSAGES RELATING TO THE PASSING OF RADIOPHONE CALLS. THE FREQUENCY USED IS 8051.5 KHZ. AT THIS TIME THE TRANSMISSION IS ONLY A TEST. *** STANLEY D. WHEATLEY FORMER DIRECTOR, OFFICE SHIP OPERATIONS AT MARITIME ADMINISTRATION IS NOW WORKING AT AMERICAN AUTOMAR. (SEE RELATED STORY LAST ISSUE).

*** WESTHAVEN RADIO/WKM... OWNER, DOUGLAS LOSTY, HAS NOT BEEN REACHED FOR COMMENT CONCERNING RUMORS CONCERNING WKM'S PERMANENT CLOSING. READERS WILL REMEMBER THAT JUST BEFORE CLOSING (10PM LT) ON 9 JUNE 1986, TWO MEN ENTERED THE STATION AND ASSAULTED THE WATCH OPERATOR, ROBBED HIM AND DESTROYED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT INCLUDING CQ KEYS, TELEX MACHINES, WEATHER COMPUTER, AND STOLE FOUR RECEIVERS. MANAGER DOUG LOSTY WHEN LAST CONTACTED WAS LOOKING FOR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT ALSO FOR A FEW QUALIFIED OPERATORS TO MAN HIS STATION.

*** U.S. NAVY VERIFIES THAT THE SOVIET UNION CAN JAM COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES BY USING GROUND-TO-SPACE HIGH POWERED MICROWAVES WHICH WILL DISABLE A SATELLITE 23,000 MILES IN SPACE. THE HIGH POWERED MICROWAVES ARE TRANSMITTED FROM THE SOVIET UNION FROM A POINT NEAR THE AFGHAN BORDER. U.S. NAVY ALSO VERIFIES THAT SOVIETS HAVE HAD SOME LIMITED SUCCESS IN HIGH POWERED LASER GUN BOMBARDMENT FROM THEIR EXPERIMENTAL LASER BASE NEAR MOSCOW. THESE RECENT CONFIRMATIONS OF THE FRAGILITY OF SATELLITES AGAIN CALLS TO QUESTION THE WISDOM OF REPLACING CONVENTIONAL SHIP-TO-SHORE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH THOSE DEPENDENT UPON SATELLITES.

*** AMERICAN RADIO ASSOCIATION (ARA) AND RADIO OFFICER'S UNION (ROU) SIGN AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER AND SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE BEFORE THE F.C.C., THE COAST GUARD AND OTHERS. THEY ALSO HAVE AGREED TO SHARE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING INFORMATION, AND TO SUPPORT EACH OTHERS JOB ACTIONS. (IT'S ABOUT TIME WE STARTED WORKING TOGETHER - ED.)

*** MR. BRUCE MURRAY FROM GALVESTONRADIO/KLC REMINDS PROCOMM THAT KLC IS OPEN FOR RADIOTELEPHONE TRAFFIC ON CHANNEL 87 VHF-FM. KLC ALSO LISTENS ON CHANNEL 16 FOR CALLS. KLC RUNS AN EIGHT ELEMENT YAGI POINTED DOWN THE GALVESTON SHIP CHANNEL TO IMPROVE SERVICE.

COPYRIGHT 1987 BY PROCOMM. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE BY S.A.S.E. (#10 SIZE ENVELOPE WITH 22 CENTS POSTAGE) SENT TO:
PROCOMM, 65 HEYWOOD AVE., MELROSE, MASS. 02176